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		3	Virudhunagar	-do-
20	Uttar Pradesh	1	Mati Akbarpur	-do-
		2	Feroj Gandhi Unchahar Tapit Vidyut Panyojna (NTPC), Raibareilly (Public Undertaking)	-do-
21	Uttaraachal	1	Deghat, Distt. Almora	-do-
22	West Bengali		Teesta Low Dam Project III, (NHPC), Reang, Darjeeling. (Public Undertaking)	Orders for opening a K.V. at Teesta Low Dam Project-III have been issued on 21.12.2006

Finishing schools for engineers

597. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to set up finishing schools for engineers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to impart communication and IT skills to engineering graduates as well as to brush-up their knowledge of core subjects so as to make them employable in IT/ITeS sectors, it has been decided to start Finishing Schools, initially in seven National Institutes of Technology (NITs) at Jaipur, Kurukshetra, Durgapur, Warangal, Trichy, Calicut and Surathkal as well as at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee. The Finishing Schools would commence from May, 2007. Each Institute would conduct the Finishing School courses with a batch of about 100 students for a period of 8 to 10 weeks. The Institutes would utilize their existing infrastructure for conducting the courses.